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**SOMETHING FOR EVERYONE!**

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## SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

### **Wednesday, July 11**

- 12 Noon: Opening Ceremonies  
(BFD Fire House)  
6:00 PM Pet Show (Carnival Grds.)  
6:00 PM Bingo - Moose Hall  
6:30 PM Horse Shoe Pitch - Carn.  
8:00 PM D.J. - Kanes Parking Lot

### **Thursday, July 12**

- 6 PM Bicycle Race (Goldenrod Drive)  
7 PM Cake Walk (Kanes Parking Lot)  
9 PM '50s Dance DJ - Kanes Park.

### **Friday, July 13**

- 5 PM Hot Air Balloon Rides - Carn.  
7 PM Fireman's Parade (Main Street)  
8 PM Square Dance (Kanes Park.)  
8 PM "GunShi" - Carnival Grds.

### **Saturday, July 14**

- 10 AM Marathon (Old House Run)  
10 AM Antique Car Show (Main Street)  
2 PM Feature Parade (Main Street)  
3 PM Drum & Fife Concert - Kanes  
3 PM Chicken Bar-B-Que - BFD Fire.  
6 PM Bingo - Moose Hall  
8 PM Bluegrass Music -  
"Buffalo Chips" - Kanes Park.  
8 PM "GunShi" - Carnival Grds.  
10 PM Fireworks Display -  
Lower Carnival Grounds

Carnival nightly starting at 6 PM  
Museum, Crafts, Exhibits, Flea Market  
Reenactment of ShootOut at OK Corral  
And Much More!

## **OLD DURBIN JAIL MUSEUM**

While in town, be sure to visit the old town jail, which has been converted into a small museum. The jail, built around 1938, was apparently filled to capacity many Saturday nights, during the rowdy, boom days of the town. Loggers, railroaders and the general public converged on the town for a bit of celebration, and many spent the night in the "Lockup". Old leather bound ledgers containing the court dockets, dating back to 1902, show evidence of the many arrests and fines of the days gone by. The city policeman was apparently a busy person during these times.

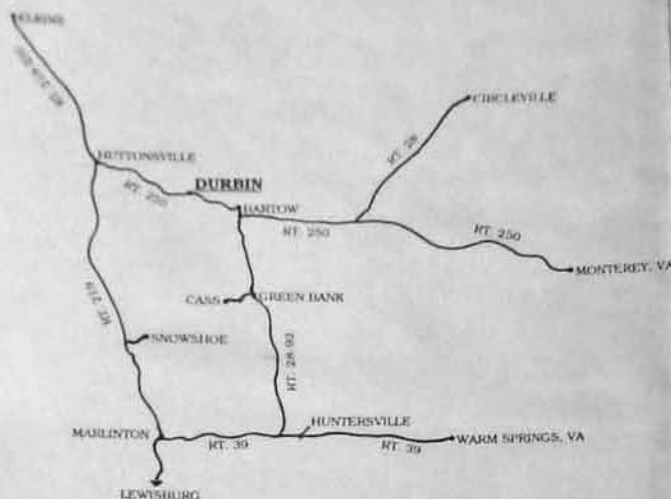
The jail is a block building, with two cells and a larger holding area, and is located just off main street. Other exhibits include old pictures of the area and old policemen's equipment.

Come by and enjoy a small part of Durbin's history.

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### Durbin is located:

40 miles north of Marlinton, WV  
41 miles south-east of Elkins, WV  
27 miles west of Monterey, VA  
21 miles south-west of Circleville, VA  
8 miles north of Green Bank, WV  
2 miles west of Bartow, WV

### FOR MORE INFORMATION

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